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DEAR PATRONS: You will find enclosed in this issue of the EVANGELIST our prospectus for 1885.

We send it to you as a friendly invitation to use it in securing use a list of subscribers for the coming year and we hope you will at least make an *effort* to do so.

The publishing of the paper in its present form and size was an experiment entered upon the past year, the result of which has given universal satisfaction to our readers as far as they have expressed themselves to us, and very many have given us the expression of their sentiments upon the subject. We are safe to say that the present size of the paper should be maintained for the good of the Brethren cause, and to satisfy the wants of the Brethren church.

Financially, the experiment, we are happy to say, has not been a failure, neither has it been a grand success. That is to say, we have been enabled by close economy, and by the efforts of our friends who have so nobly responded to our several appeals, to make both ends meet so that we are not in debt at the close of this volume. But we feel that in order that the paper at its present size shall be a continued success the same rigid economy must be adhered to and the efforts in its behalf by our friends must be continued. *Unless this is done we cannot succeed.* The ten dollar pledges have been redeemed, and although they never reached the number we had asked for, they served their purpose well, and again, the response to the calls made at other times were helps, all of which were needed to make the enterprise a success. As we have by the strictest economy nothing to spare in a financial way, we feel that we must have the *present list of subscribers continued* in order to have our success for the next volume assured. This can easily be done if every friend to the cause will not only see to renewing his or her own subscription, but also sees to it that everybody else coming within the circle of his acquaintanceship will also renew; or where there is a failure to renew, secure a new subscriber in his place. This we kindly ask our friends to do, and we have confidence in their love and zeal for the cause that they will do it. Hence we issue our new prospectus with the determination to go on with the present size and price of our paper. We are very anxious to have all renew in good time. Please go to work now. Send in the lists early so we need not be put to extra expense and trouble to get through a rush of work at the close of the volume, or be compelled to discontinue subscriptions which we will be called upon to continue only a few weeks later. We appeal to the pastors and friends of the cause, in every church, to see to it that every church has its agent, or agents, to work up the cause of the paper. THIS IS IMPORTANT.

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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

My last broke suddenly off after a brief report of the Falls City Elder Council, and without finishing the subject, if such a subject can be finished. Some strange developments have since been made. One of them is in the experience of a good natured brother, who did not want to become partaker of other men's sins, nor to commit any of his own willfully. So when he was called in to cast a vote in favor of expelling his brethren, he made inquiry as to the Gospel authority for the act, and was informed that there was undoubtedly such authority. "Well," he responded, "if you are certain that there is good scriptural authority for expelling them, why I guess it will have to go so," and down went the pencil mark to tally one for expulsion. There were about fifteen unanimously for expulsion who went in to vote, and about sixty unanimous against it who did not go in, and yet the result is all the same. The voting in such cases is worse than a farce. It is a deceptive pretence. So is the hearing or trial. It is all mere mockery. They might as well just call the "faithful" together and make their own decisions by themselves and to suit themselves, without the annoyance of the presence of the "progressives."

There will be no visible disturbance in the workings of the church from the previous routine, except that we hope it may proceed more smoothly than heretofore, since the disturbing element has now withdrawn from the church. All the officers of the church, except one deacon, remain with the church.

The next day, Saturday, the annual meeting party held a council meeting all to themselves. They elected trustees and chose two elders to preside over them, and decided to hold a communion meeting in the near future. Whether they will succeed or not will be for future events to develop. But if they do succeed, then I am no prophet. for everything is against them, common sense and gospel. "Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away."

If the Brethren will continue to do right, and increase their interest in the Master's cause, and double their diligence, they will prosper and greatly increase in numbers.

We had appointments for Saturday evening, Sunday A. M. and evening, but as Mohler remained over Sunday we gave way to Saturday and Sunday evenings, and we preached only on Sunday forenoon. Had a very good meeting. We had the satisfaction of hearing S. S. Mohler preach a sermon on Saturday night. He did quite well. He also heard me on Sunday morning. We have one objection to him. Most people like to see the minister when they listen to him, but Mohler never looks at him, nor does he face his audience when he preaches. He does not appear to have an honest countenance, the index of a good conscience. We fear all is not right with Samuel. He must certainly know better than he does. We cannot account for that guilty look in any other way. This is not only our own observation but it is a common remark.

During this visit to Falls City we visited at brethren Shaffer's, Messler's, Levi Nedrow's, Jacob Gebhart's, Frank Musselman's, John Lichty's, Joseph Lichty's, J. C. Yutzy's, Jacob Royers's, E. E. Maust's and Elias Meyer's where I had my home. We also had the pleasure of spending another night at brother Jos. H. Meyers'.

At this place for the first time in a month or more, we had the pleasure of enlisting the feelings of the Brethren in the college cause as fully as we think they should feel it. That is they will feel just as much interest in subscribing as we do to have them do so. Really, every other brother is or should be just as much interested in saving Ashland College to the church as I am. It will do them as much good as it possibly can do me. It is for the advancement of our common cause that we are laboring. Well, the brethren at Falls City caught this view of the matter, and then there was work done. Each brother considered himself a committee of one to assist me in inducing all the rest to do their duty according to their ability, and soon I had a body of efficient helpers. The result was that we we raised the donations of Falls City church to the snug sum of $1345, and the end is not yet. We confidently believe they will raise it to $1500. If all the agents continue to work, we know it will be done. This puts Falls City ahead of all others, so far. Many thanks to one and all, and especially those who gave the noble onstart. We have received encouragement that is valuable to us in our work. The collections were also very liberal here and at Pony Creek. So far we have been enabled to pay our way by the collections.

On Thursday noon I left Falls City, and came to Pawnee City. We have an aunt living with Alexander Miller's, her son-in-law, seven miles southeast of Pawnee, who we wished to visit. Her name is Nancy Snyder, widow of George Snyder, and she is my father's only living sister. She is about seventy-five years old, and is blind. Otherwise her health is fair, and her memory of things that occurred in her youthful days, is remarkably good. We shall hardly meet her again in this world. On Friday forenoon brother Miller brought me to Pawnee, and in the evening I took supper at brother Albert Keim's, at Wymore, where we changed cars and tarried about two hours. Brother Keim is clerking here in a very large and well stocked general store. About eight o'clock at night I landed at Holmesville, and lodged at brother Lewis Keim's another of my old Somerset county friends. They had failed to receive my card, and so were not expecting me at the time, and had no appointment for me. Next day we attended a public sale at the place of Elder Urias Shick, and had an opportunity of meeting some friends and of learning the prices of stock. In the evening I came to Beatrice, and was met at the depot by brother U. W. Miller with whom I remained over Sunday. On Sunday evening I preached in the Christian church, by the courtesy of the pastor, who freely gave us his appointment, for which our Brethren at Beatrice were very thankful. There are several families of our people living there. Uriah W. Miller's, John M. Berkley's, G. L. Beachly's, and probably others. We visited all those named. Brother Berkley is a traveling merchant and was not at home. We met Mr. Loyd Beachy and his bride at brother Beachly's, who are on their wedding trip. Brother Miller took us over the city and to some of the most important business places, among which were the canning establishment, the *Daily Express* office, the Dentist rooms of Dr. Burns, formerly of Meyersdale, and Dr. Funk, son-in-law of Elder Stump, and several of the most important stores, and the Agricultural Implement Establishment with which he is connected. Beatrice is one of the most thriving places we visited in Nebraska.

Brother Thos. W. Graham paid us a pleasant visit at brother Keim's, and took dinner with us on Saturday. He reported his family in reasonable health.

Left Beatrice at three P. M. for Endicott. On the train I met brother Gordon, father of B. L. Gordon, of Ind. He was on his way to Blue Hill, to see his son, S. P. Gordon, formerly of Ashland College, from whom he had a dispatch on Friday previous that he was very sick. Hope he found him much improved. Landed at Carleton at about eight o'clock, and was met by brother Harvey M. Lichty, and at his house am writing this correspondence, on Tuesday morning, Oct. 28th. Am in good health, and hopeful spirits, and so are my hosts. From here I go to Furnas county; then to Norton county, Kansas; then to Burr Oak, Kansas, at which place we may be addressed.

H. R. HOLSINGER.

GIVING AND RECEIVING.

The Law of Recompense is plainly written everywhere on the pages of the book of nature and revelation. "Whatsoever a man soweth that also shall he reap," are the words that were spoken by Divinity, and their truth is demonstrated by every experience. In consideration of this fact, the duties we owe to God should be faithfully discharged, and the services unbegrudgingly rendered, for by doing so we are but laying the foundation for a sure recompense of reward.

God himself is a giver, sowing that he may reap. He gives us life and health and means by which we can perpetuate these. He gives us faculties of mind and body. He has given us every good and perfect gift, even the gift of his Son. But as God is a *giver* he is also a *receiver*. He asks us to serve him with our souls and bodies which are his. He wants to receive our praise and worshipful adoration. He wants to use us to promote the scheme of redemption that he may receive joy in the salvation of humanity.

God *gives* that He *may receive*. This is his object in giving us the things which we possess, and endowing us with the faculties wherewith we are endowed. For instance he gives us tongues and voices to be used in proclaiming His truth and in speaking and singing His praise. He gives us talents to be used and returned to him with usury. He gives us souls and bodies only to require that they should be wholly consecrated to his service, and as a reasonable recompense for his gifts. And as we sow that we may reap, as we expend labor care and money that we may receive recompense, so God gives that He may in return receive.

God *gives bountifully*, so we also should give bountifully. For if we sow sparingly we shall also reap sparingly. It does not pay to deny the requisite amount of labor, preparation or seed, in the seeding as we would suffer many fold in the reaping. Neither can we afford to withhold from the Lord the services he requires of us as it is but a sowing that will be rewarded with a corresponding amount of reaping.

We are sowing in time, to reap in eternity. We give unto the Lord that we may receive from him in return. And he gives to us that he may receive also. But as He is the mightier and the wealthier, and as we are dependent upon him for all things, we need not fear in making the investment as we cannot lose anything by it. Not only do we reap for our sowing in time, but God in the end gives us an eternity of happiness for a lifetime of service.

It is wise to give unto to the Lord.

Editorial Miscellany.

H. R. Holsinger was at Oxford Nebraska when last heard from. He was well and in good cheer.

It does not make so much difference what kind of a hat a person wears as what he has got under it.

People who continuallly find fault without reason, not only make themselves unhappy but others as well.

We have on the hook, for next week, another good sermon by Elder J. P. Hetric. Subject, "David's great need."

Brother Spanogle is preaching at Conemaugh, Pa., but the rainy weather is not favorable to the progress of the meeting.

A bill has been introduced in the Vermont legislature for the executing of murderers by electricity instead of hanging.

Moody and Sankey are preaching and singing in Massachusetts. All evangelistic churches are giving them support in the work.

Brown will begin his fourth missionary tour to Pennsylvania on the 14th instant. His objective point this time is Washington county.

Brother Ullery of Covington, Ohio, wants to know the address of the Elder of the church at Prosperity, Neally county, West Virginia.

TAKE NOTICE.—The remainder of Volume 6, of BRETHREN'T EVANGELIST FREE to all *new* subscribers for 1885.

Our readers will please make allowance for brother Masons long drive after night. It is his first daughter. And baby is king anyway.

Brother Isaac Kilhefner commences a protracted meeting in the Union meeting house near Primrose, Williams county, Ohio next Saturday.

Brother Brown has been doing a good work in Pennsylvania. It is characteristic of brother Brown to do that kind of work wherever he goes.

A minister who is for the cause only so far as that cause will contribute to his wardrobe and larder, is not worthy the name minister, but hireling.

Miss Annie E. Gilliam formerly of Ashland College now writes her name with a Mrs. See our marriage notices. Our congratulations to the pair.

We are sorely in need of several copies of No. 37, present volume. Any one having copies to spare will confer a favor by sending them to this office.

Several English life insurance companies charge twenty per cent. less to total abstainers than to moderate drinkers. This fact speaks volumes for total adstinence.

J. G. Winey, of Campbell, Mich., says we reported 72 average attendance of Sunday school, instead of 92, as we should have reported. We stand corrected.

Brethren Mason and Garber have been sounding the trumpet through the Miami valley, and have been meeting with the trials and tribulations peculiar to missionaries.

Pastor Sequin of the French Mission of Chicago, has been received into the Presbyterian church at Joliet, Illinois, and will receive the assistance of that church in the prosecution of his work.

A membership that will allow a minister to suffer want or allows him to neglect his work as a minister on account of poverty, lacks charity, the essential element of pure and undefiled religion.

Sir Moses Montefore whose one hundredth birthday was celebrated last Friday, evidently expects to live a few years longer. He has made a contract with his secretary for three years further service.

It is entirely useless to argue with persons who are governed only by an unreasoning prejudice. All that can be done with such is to be patient with them and lead them as near to the right as possible.

Reader, if you are a correspondent of this paper or are transacting business at this office of any kind, please read the instructions given at the top of first column, on page four. It may save you trouble as well as us.

"The new German Baptist Brethren or 'Dunkard' Church" is the way the Johnstown *Democrat* announces a dedication. Well that is better than The German Baptists *or* Brethren. We want no German Baptists-ism in ours.

Thirty women, in Palmyra, Indiana, disguised themselves as men and peremptorily closed out a saloon in that town lately. We do not know why they did this thing in disguise. Perhaps they felt convinced that their actions were unwomanly.